THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICUL TURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

(a) Cut imposed in different booths in uniform in all areas.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No such reports have been received by Delhi Milk Scheme.

(d) Doe$_s$ not arise.

(e) and (f) Delhi Milk Scheme has appointed Home Delivery Agents in different areas who are allowed to draw from the booths a specific quota of milk (40 litres each, $_a$t present). for selling to consumers at home. This has been done to provide home delivery service to the consumers and also to provide work to unemployed and poor individuals.

There is no proposal to stop this system.

Displacement by Narmada Sagar ana Sardar Sarovar Projects

2396. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Narmada Sagar Project in Madbya Pradesh and Sardar Sarovar in Gujarat, which have been cleared by the Union Government, would when implemented, cause the largest ever displacement of population in the country;

(b) if so, the total number of families likely to be displaced as a result of these projects;

(c) what arrangements have been made for their rehabilitation and how many years are likely to be taken for their rehabilitation;

(d) whether all the oustees in the country of various dams in various par's of the country have since been rehabilitated; if so, what are the de tails thereof; and

(e) if not, how much more time is likely to be taken for their rehabilitation and when these people were displaced?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARA-NAND); (a) to (c) Nearly 1.96 lakh persons about 27 thousand families in about 490 villages are likely to be affected. Rehabilitation as per norms is being provided for their resettlement prior to completion of the project.

(d) and (e) Rehabilitation is done by the State Governments and the details are not maintained at the Centre.

Charater of Demands from Blinds

2397. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state: , 'fVS\

(a) whether the National Federa tion of Blinds have submitted a char ter of demands to the Government;

(b) if so, what are the demands of the National Federation of Blinds; and

(c) what action Government have taken on the demands of the blinds?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. *(See* below).

(c) Besides 3 per cent reservation through executive orders for the physically handicapped in Group C&D posts out of which 1 per cent is for the blind in Central Government Ministries/Departments and Central Public Sector Undertakings, the Government is considering the question of

legislation, A Committee is proposed to be set up iter this purpose.

Efforts to fill uj the vacancies in Central Governmi nt Ministries/Public Sector Undertakings will be intensified. The State Governments are also being request to take similar
action.

The question of reservation in promotions in Group 'C and 'D' posts and reservation i i Group 'A' and 'B' posts is under c moderation of the concerted Ministry

In order to crerfe awareness about the employment (pportunities for the physically handic; pped, including the blind, it has beer decided to observe a National Emplo ment Week for tlv handicapped in tl e first week of October, 1987.

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DEMAND CHARTER

1. The promisee Legislation for the disabled be brought in the coming session of the Parliament.

2. Jobs fo$_r$ the disabled b$_e$ reserved in the group 'A' ind 'B' Categories as well alongwith i 'servation in promo tions.

3. All th$_e$ Blir d $_p$erson$_s$ registered with employmer: exchanges through out th$_e$ country who are about 4,000 in number be gi e$_n$ jobs within three months that is b the end of Septem ber, 1987. This can be done by ac cepting the foil wing suggestions: —

(A) A list >f all the Blind persons registered in the employment exchanges be prepared and a scru tiny be made so as to prepare sepe-rate lists for operate jobs on the basis of the qualifications of the re-spective ners Bis. Thus exercise be done at one >oint. For this purpose a Comrr ittee be constituted with a representative of the federation there i n and the said committee be as! ed to complete this ■exercise with n 15 days.

(B) After the finalisation of the lists Of various jobs a number of vacancies required for different jobs be created by a Cabinet decision and thus a special recruitment in the Central Government be undertaken for the purpose so as to absorb all the blind persons, registered with employment exchanges throughout the country by the end of September, 1987**.**

(C) A Committee be also constituted for monitoring the progress made in this direction with a representative of th$_e$ Federation.

(D) State Government be direc ted to prepare a draff for the legis lation for the disabled on the sub ject failing in the State list.

(E) Proper representation be given to the blind in the Parliament, State Assemblies and local bodies, so as to protect their interest.

(F) A Commission for the dis abled be set up in line with SC and ST Commission.

(G) All facilities and constitutional protection given-to backward classes be extended to the blind also.

(H) Th$_e$ blind Government employees be given th$_e$ following fac^ litres:—

(a) Reservation in promotion for the Wind be made as is the case with SC **and** ST.

(b) All the Government blind employees be given Government accommodation within three months of their joining services.

(c) Retirement age in the case of blind employees be made 60 years in place of 58 years as they get the job at a very late stage.

(d) The conveyance allowance given to the blind be made 10 per cent of the basic salary or 200 whichever is more instead of

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present 5 per cent or 100 which ever is minimum.

(e) Rate of pension to the retiring blind employees keepin, in view the feet that they get th job at a very later stage.

(f) Blind employees employed as Chair recanners be given the technical grade.

(g) AH blind employees employed on daily wages or are on adhoc appointment be regularised.

C) The National Institute for the Visually handicapped Dehra Dun be converted from registered society to Government Institute. The affairs of the NIVH Dehra Dun be also probed into through CBI.

(J) Braille press be established in each state,

(K) With a view to promoting self-employment for the blind, a separate bank Loan Scheme for the blind be initiated and Soft Loans be given to them upto the limit of 1,00,000 (one lakh).

(L) A percentage of agencies/ dealership of the items like petroleum products, L.P.G., Cement, etc. be reserved for the blind.

(M) A permanent identity card be issued to every blind to avail concessions/facilities announced from time to time by Central/State/ Union Territories.

(N) The scholarship for the visually handicapped students be revis ed after every three years keeping In view the cost increase. The decision to discontinue to the inmates of Government Hostel ati(j the per-, sons persuing studies after M.A be withdrawn and it should be giv en to them as was done at past.

(O) AH Institutions for the blind which f\re in existence for the last three years be given grant-in-aid to' make them more effective and sen , sufficient.

(P) The Delhi Administration be directed to create regular post of Tabla accompanists and the blind . presently working against the said temporary post be regularised.

Import and Export of Sugar

2393. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be plowed to ftafe:

(a) the quantity of sugar required for consumption in the country eve. y year;

(b) what is the annual production of suga'r in the country at present;

(c) what is the quantity of sugar in the buffer stock of sugar with Government;

(d) the quantity of sugar exported during last three years, each year;

(e) the quantity of sugar imported during last three years, each year;

(f) the names of countries where-sugar was exported and the names of the countries from where the sugar was imported**;**

(,g) the foreign exchange earned from export of sugar and foreign ex change spent on the import of sugar:

(h) whether any steps have been, taken to make India self-sufficient in the matter of sugar; and

(i) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The estimated requirement of sugar for internal consumption and annual sugar production during 1986-87 season is 87 and 85 lakh tonnes respectively.